

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Previously Presented) A mail item feed module of a franking machine comprising a separator for separating envelope flaps from envelope bodies, of which an active zone of separation comprises a supple part.

2. (Previously Presented) The mail item feed module of Claim 1, wherein said supple part comprises a peripheral edge arranged at the level of an envelope conveyor deck.

3. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module of Claim 1, wherein the supple part comprises ~~overmoulded~~ overmolded plastic on a steel wire having a diameter of about one ~~millimetre~~ millimeter.

4. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module of Claim 1, wherein the supple part comprises a ~~moulded~~ molded elastomer of silicone type.

5. (Previously Presented) The mail item feed module of Claim 1, wherein said supple part is detachable from a rigid part of the separator.

6. (Currently Amended) The mail item feed module of Claim 5, wherein the supple part is connected to the rigid part by a slideway or rail fixation means ~~of slideway or rail type~~.

7. (Previously Presented) The mail item feed module of Claim 6, wherein the fixation means comprises a plastic material.

8. (Previously Presented) The mail item feed module of Claim 5, wherein said supple part is articulated on said rigid part by a

hinge.

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Previously Presented) A mail item feed module of a franking machine comprising a separator for separating envelope flaps from envelope bodies, of which an active zone of separation comprises a supple part, wherein the separator allows for the moistening of the envelope flaps.

11. (New) The mail item feed module of Claim 1, wherein the separator is configured to avoid jamming of envelopes when the envelope flaps are improperly closed.